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CIRCULAR ON KILLDEER PLOVER.

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To THE

Light Keeper at

Dear Sir :

During the latter part of November, 1888, and throughout the following month, parts of the eastern coast of the United States and Canada were visited by large flights of Killdeer Plover (*Ægialitis vocifera*), a bird ordinarily of rare occurrence in this region. As this invasion seems to be unprecedented, and the place whence the birds came is unknown, we are anxious to ascertain as many facts as possible concerning the movement. We shall be very much obliged, therefore, if you will answer as many as you can of the following questions :

- 1. Did Killdeer Plover appear in your neighborhood during November or December ?
- 2. If so, when were they first seen ?
- 3. How long were they present ?
- 4. When were they last seen ?
- 5. Did they come in large or small flocks ?
- 6. At what time of day were they first seen ?
- 7. From what direction did they come ?
- 8. What direction did they take on leaving ?
- 9. Were they in good condition or otherwise ?

Please write the answers in the spaces left for that purpose, and return this sheet at once in the enclosed penalty envelope.

Respectfully,

NORMAN J. COLMAN,

Commissioner of Agriculture.

